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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 6594

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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, RQ, UN, US, AF

SUBJ: AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE

REF: KABUL 6484 (NOTAL)

1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A CALL ON AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN TO DISCUSS OTHER BUSINESS AUGUST 14, I RAISED AGAIN PUERTO RICO(REFTEL), ASKING WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD SENT TO THE AFGHAN DELEGATION IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ON THIS ISSUE. AMIN DECLINED TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS, BUT STATED THAT "AFGHANISTAN WOULD ADHERE TO ITS "PRINCIPLED POSITIONS". HE OFFERED NO EXPLANATION OF WHAT THOSE "PRINCIPLED POSITIONS" MIGHT BE.

2. I REMINDED AMIN THAT THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE TOUCHED UPON THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE U.S., OBSERVING IN THIS CONNECTION  
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THAT WE ATTEMPT TO BE ALERT TO AFGHANISTAN'S SENSITIVITIES AND THAT WE HOPE SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE RECIPROCATED BY THE GOVT OF AFGHANISTAN. AMIN RESPONDED THAT WHATEVER ACTION HIS GOVT FOUND IT NECESSARY TO TAKE IN SUCH A CASE TO SUPPORT ITS "PRINCIPLES" SHOULD NOT AFFECT ADVERSELY OUR OTHERWISE FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENT: AMIN'S LATTER COMMENT SUGGESTS PROBABILITY THAT  
AFGHANISTAN IS LEANING TOWARD THE CUBAN POSITION RATHER THAN  
OUR OWN.  
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